

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(28)


TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 6, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to require any
applicant seeking a state license
to be an armed security officer
to submit an evaluation by a
psychiatrist or psychologist
licensed in Florida or by the
federal government made within
the previous 12-month period
certifying that the applicant is
mentally and emotionally stable

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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7-6-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REQUIRE ANY APPLICANT SEEKING A STATE LICENSE TO BE AN ARMED SECURITY OFFICER TO SUBMIT AN EVALUATION BY A PSYCHIATRIST OR PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSED IN FLORIDA OR BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MADE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT IS MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY STABLE

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that armed security officers provide valuable protective services, but can be a danger to the community if mentally or emotionally unstable; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 493, Florida Statutes, currently does not require applicants seeking to be licensed as armed security officers to submit up-to-date, formal psychiatric or psychological evaluations certifying the applicant's mental and emotional stability; and

WHEREAS, this Board wants to ensure the safety of the community by requiring that armed security officers are lawful, highly-trained, competent, and mentally and emotionally stable; and

WHEREAS, this Board urges the Florida Legislature to require any applicant seeking a state license to be an armed security officer to submit an evaluation by a psychiatrist or psychologist licensed in Florida or by the federal government made within the previous 12-month period certifying that the applicant is mentally and emotionally stable,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to require any applicant seeking a state license to be an armed security officer to submit an evaluation by a psychiatrist or psychologist licensed in Florida or by the federal government made within the previous 12-month period certifying that the applicant is mentally and emotionally stable.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2017 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Jean Monestime, Chairman | |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman | |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Daniella Levine Cava |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Dennis C. Moss | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | Xavier L. Suarez |
| Juan C. Zapata | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of July, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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